splendid with crystal chandeliers and precious shrines. Besides the imambara burials, the tradition of mausolea continued with those of Sa'ādat 'Alī Khān (1798-1814) and his wife Khurshīd-zāda, built by his successor Ghāzī al-Dīn Haydar (1814-27). Both follow the organisation of Safdar Djang's monument with corner turrets capped by chatris around the main dome, but the pishtak and iwan are absent, replaced in the former by a tetrastyle portico on each face (R. Smith, Journal 1832, V & A. IM 15/58-1915, pp. 581-2). Both have domes of a strongly European profile, with prominent finials and salient angles around a tall drum suggesting a derivation from Les Invalides (1693-1706); the accumulation of lesser domes and bangla vaults around the Queen's tomb also recalls Hindu massing. Ghāzī al-Dīn built his own tomb, the Shah Nadjaf (Nadjaf Ashraf) dominated by a white, stupa-like dome and finial within an arcaded precinct. The garden at Husaynabad contains two supposed replicas of the Tadi Mahall for a daughter of Muhammad 'Alī Shāh and her husband, which however demonstrate complete lack of its classical balance.

The origin of European influences is apparent in domestic buildings. Initially Sacadat Khan had taken over the Panc Mahall built by the Shaykhzadas in the Fort; the buildings were improved on a grand scale by Shudjac al-Dawla (1754-75), but by 1775 they still lacked unity (Modave, op. cit. 183). Both palace and fortifications were destroyed in 1857 and after. Aşaf al-Dawla transferred the court to a new Dawlat Khāna including the Āṣafī Kothī, probably commissioned from Claude Martin, in 1782-9. Martin, who had arrived in Lakhnaw in 1776, rose to become advisor to the Nawwabs, whose taste he influenced, creating fine buildings for them and obtaining furniture from Europe. These included Mūsā Bāgh (Barowen) (1780-1804), a classical house with a bow front to the river, and a landward court sunk for coolness, and Bibiyapur Kothi, a much plainer building. His own town house, Farhat-bakhsh (1781) shows the same combination of climatic ingenuity, strong defences, and wit; it was bought in 1800 by Sacadat 'Alī Khān, who used it as his residence at the centre of a new palace complex. Constantia (La Martinière (1795-1800) though influential was, as Martin's tomb, unsuitable for adoption, and continues in his endowment as a school. Dil-kushā (ca. 1805), built by Sir Gore Ouseley as a reinterpretation of Seaton Delaval back home in Northumberland (1729) became a favourite hunting lodge of Sacadat Ali, and provided the portico model for his tomb. By 1803 the Nawwab had bought all the English houses but three, and himself constructed a fine new street of such houses, radically different from the Indian model, in Hadratgandi. The building of palaces continued with his domed Moti Maḥall and Lāl Bāradari (Ķaṣr al-Sulțān), a throne room with djālīs as fine as the Nadān Maḥall. Ghāzī al-Dīn built the Chattar Manzil, incorporating the Farhat-bakhsh, for his harem, blending Martin's classicism with the local tendency to culminative recession, and domes with čha<u>didi</u>a eaves, carrying gilded parasols. That these allusions were deliberate is confirmed in the Darshan Bilas, of whose four façades two are taken from Barowen, one from Farhat-bakhsh, and one from Dil-kushā, much as the images in Urdū poetry (Jones, op. cit., 224). The borrowing of Western motifs remained superficial, and even the use of such houses was not fully grasped. Such stylistic variety could be realised with ease in the local

medium of stucco on brickwork. This was fully exploited in the vast palace of Kayşar Bāgh built for Wādjid 'Alī Shāh by Čhófā Miyān in 1848-50; the final, Rococo phase of Mughal architecture is combined with the gamut of Western elements with a splendid and theatrical disregard for rule, but little now remains.

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LAKHNAWTI (shortened form of Lakhanawatī, "home of Lakhan", which is a derivation from Lakshmanā, son of Dasarata and half-brother of Rāma Čandrā, and watī, meaning "home" or "habitation", the name of an ancient city which served as the principal seat of government in Bengal under Muslim rule for nearly four centuries. Its ruins are still found spread over a narrow and deserted channel of the River Ganges in lat. 24° 52′ N. and long. 88° 10′ E., 10 miles/16 km. south-west of the modern Mālda town (administrative head-quarters of Mālda district in the State of West Bengal, India), from which it is reached by a macadamised road.

Though the date of the foundation of the city is shrouded in obscurity, tradition has it that it was built by one Sangaldīb of the Cooch Behar area of north Bengal, who had become unchallenged master of Bengal and Bihār after defeating Rādia Kedar Brahmin of the same region. But the recorded